

# THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE JUNE 2004

## ALMOST TIME FOR FLU...



It seems like we just ended the 2003-04 season and we will be starting all over again soon! VVFC will be taking advanced Influenza orders again this year. **In two months, you will find the VVFC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Order Form in the August edition of the Backpage News Alert.** VVFC requests that each practice only send one order form. All orders must be received by the deadline, which will be sometime around the beginning of October. Vaccine shipments will begin when Influenza vaccine is received by our distributor. Practices may receive partial shipments throughout the season.

## STOCK SEPARATION

Stock separation increases accountability and ensures VFC stock is given to VFC eligible children. The best way to keep stocks separate is to identify and track VFC stock from its delivery to its administration.

### 1. Establish procedures for vaccine receipt

Make sure that staff identifies which type of vaccine shipment it is (VFC or private), unpack the boxes in a timely manner, and check the shipping invoice to see if it matches your VVFC order.

### 2. Keep Invoices

Keeping copies of your VFC and private vaccine orders and invoices on file can help determine if a misplaced vaccine is from VFC or private inventory.

### 3. Label Vaccine Boxes

VFC shipments often include VFC stickers as supplies allow. Use VFC stickers to label your VFC inventory. If no VFC stickers are available, you can create your own.



### 4. Physically Separate Inventories

Store the different vaccine stocks on separate shelves or in separately labeled bins.

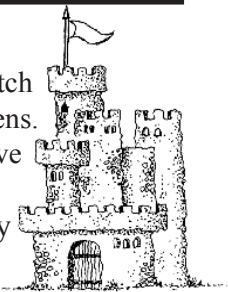
### 5. Arrange by Expiration Date

Open only the box or vial with the nearest expiration date. The next box or vial should not be opened until the first one is used up. Remember to rotate stock.

*Note: A few VFC practices have approval to combine their VFC stock and their private stock. These practices have demonstrated a flawless system of accountability.*

## VVFC TIDBITS...

- If you use combination vaccines, watch the expiration dates on the single antigens. Please submit a viable return if you have more than you will use.
- VVFC Return Forms submitted by July 14, 2004, will receive a pre-paid shipping label around August 2, 2004. Don't forget to include your expired Influenza vaccine!
- If you would like pre-filled Hep B syringes, please call the VVFC Order Center.



## VVFC AWARDS

### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*Dominion Medical Center, King George  
Fan Free Clinic, Richmond  
General Pediatric Services - CHKD, Norfolk  
Minnie Stiff, M.D. Pediatrics, Hampton  
Nimmo Pediatrics, Virginia Beach  
Portsmouth Community Health Center, Portsmouth  
Valley Children's Clinic, Harrisonburg*

### Exceptional Immunization Rates

*Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital, Roanoke  
K.N.V. Sankaran, M.D., Inc., Suffolk*  
(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

## WHAT ARE YOUR IMMUNIZATION RATES?

CASA (Clinical Assessment Software Application) assesses immunization rates and makes suggestions on how to improve. Immunization records of children between the ages of 2-5 in your practice are entered and reports are generated from this information. If your practice is interested or has any questions, please contact your consultant.



### How a facility can maximize the benefits of a CASA?

- Obtain the patient's full immunization history, and preferably transcribe the record to one sheet.
- Documenting "had chickenpox/disease" or "parental refusal" on the shot record and not just in the physician notes.
- Inactivate charts of patients who are no longer active.

Enclosed is a map depicting average rates around Virginia.

